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Enrollment and Admission

1. There are about 13,000 students at the University of Zagreb. To be admitted a student must have completed secondary school and have the recommendation of the director of the school where he was graduated.
2. The number of students admitted to the university is established by a government ministry. It is not known how the ministry arrives at the total number or the proportion in each field of study.
3. Admission to the university has generally become more difficult since October 1951. For example, now a student who desires to study engineering must take supplementary examinations in mathematics. Prior to October 1951 no such examination was required. Formerly graduates of technical secondary schools were admitted to the university; now they are first examined in every subject not taught in their technical school.
4. Principals of secondary schools allot a certain number of their best pupils to different faculties of the university according to the special capacities of the students. Pupils themselves do not have final choice of their fields.
5. Before October 1951 orphans and students without income received a scholarship of 2,000 dinars monthly. Now these have been abolished and parents who are employed and have children at the university receive a subsidy of 1,200 dinars plus bonus coupons worth about 1,800 dinars. Thus unemployed parents get no assistance in providing higher education for their children.
6. Because student allowances are not larger and academic requirements have become more difficult, enrollment has decreased.

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The Rectorate

7. The Vice Rector of the university is Professor Tomislav Pinter. He also teaches chemistry at the Faculty of Medicine. All documents are signed by Professor Ante Sukic, not by the Rector. Sukic does not teach, [redacted]

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Faculties and Locations

8. The University of Zagreb has the following faculties:
- a. Philosophy, located in an old and artistic four story building at 14 Tito place, just in front of the Croatian National theater. The Rectorate is also in this building;
 - b. Law, located at 14 Tito place;
 - c. Letters (literature; belles lettres), located at 14 Tito place;
 - d. Languages, located at 14 Tito place;
 - e. Technical, located in two buildings near the Fair of Zagreb;¹.
 - f. Agricultural, located on Maksimirska road, at the edge of Maksimir park;
 - g. Economy, located in a three story building on Stalinska Crvena Armija street;².
 - h. Pharmacy, location unknown [redacted]
 - i. Veterinary, located in a new three story building near the "hole" (sic);
 - j. Medicine, located in a group of buildings on Salata hill.

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Instructions in Anatomy

9. Drago Perovic³ is professor of anatomy. He is 64 years old and holds his position because of his profound knowledge. He is of Orthodox faith with strong religious feelings. Though the Yugoslav state does not recognize religious holidays, Professor Perovic does not teach on those days. He is an out-spoken anti-Communist, makes anti-government allusions before his students, and his lectures are attended with special diligence. He tolerates no control by the Communist committee and sticks to protocol to the extent of requiring students to bow low when called upon. A misanthrope, he almost never goes out of his dwelling in the building where he teaches, and works very hard. He says that graduates of the University of Zagreb are superior to those of the University of Padova in Italy.
10. Professor Perovic's assistant is Professor Jelena Krepotic. They work very well together. She is expected to replace him in case of his removal or death.
11. The Anatomic Institute is adequately equipped and enjoys the reputation of being the best in Yugoslavia.

Instruction in Physics

12. Bozo Metzger is professor of physics. He is about 38 years old, a Communist Party member, and has the title of professor but not of doctor. He mixes politics in his lectures and is not popular among the students.
13. Metzger gives the same instruction to students of both the Veterinary and Medical faculties. The Faculty of Medicine has no laboratory of its own. Equipment of the Institute of Physics is adequate but old fashioned.

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Chemistry

14. Tomislav Pinter is professor of chemistry and Vice Rector of the university. He was the assistant of Professor Fran Bubanovic, who founded the Institute of Chemistry and taught from 1910 to 1945. In 1945 Bubanovic was demoted to assistant and Pinter promoted to the rank of regular professor because of politics.
15. The assistant professors of chemistry are Bubanovic, Lokar (fnu), Wittenburg (fnu), and Berkes (fnu). Berkes is as fervent a Communist as Pinter.
16. The Institute of Chemistry is in miserable condition, with little scientific equipment. In most cases there is only one set of apparatus so that individual experiments are the exception and collective demonstrations the rule.
17. Lorkovic (fnu) is professor of biology. He is about 50 years old and tolerated because he is an excellent professor. It is rumored that he belonged to the Ustashi. His brother was a minister of the Independent Croatian state. Professor Lorkovic never participates in political activities. Though he does not talk openly about his beliefs to students it is known that he is of liberal mind. There are also three assistant professors of biology.
18. The Institute of Biology has some 30 microscopes, and nothing but the most common plants and other materials for study.

Physiology

19. Ferdinand Hauptfeld is professor of physiology. He is about 50 years old and of German origin. He takes no part in political activities, gives his full time to science, and does not speak about politics. Studentski List (Students' Newspaper) often characterizes Professor Hauptfeld as an anti-democrat and a "bureaucrat."
20. Equipment of the Institute of Physiology is adequate. Frogs are used for tests. There is no large room for experiments, so they are performed by seven or eight groups of 30 each, with a set of apparatus for every five or six students.
21. Allegretti (fnu), a native of Trieste, is one assistant professor of physiology, and there are three others. Allegretti is a colonel of infantry who is always in uniform and has not earned his academic rank.

Histology

22. Duancic (fnu) is professor histology. He is about 50 years old, is dedicated to teaching, and does not mix in politics. He is not a regular or permanent professor, but an "extraordinary" (temporary) one. He expects to be replaced. There are also three assistant professors of histology.
23. The Institute of Histology is equipped with about 50 microscopes of Yugoslav manufacture. There is a lack of materials for experiment and research.

Bacteriology

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24. Dora Filipovic is professor of bacteriology. She is a member of the Central Committee of the Party. She teaches third year students.

Pathology and Pharmacology

25. Saltikov (fnu) is professor of pathology. He is about 70, of Russian origin, and immigrated to Yugoslavia during World War I.

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26. Ivancic (fnu) is professor of pharmacology.
Committee of People's Youth
27. Each faculty of the university has its own Committee of People's Youth which manages all political activity--agitation, propaganda, demonstration and sporting events. Members of the committee are elected by the students at the beginning of each school year.
28. In the Faculty of Medicine, for example, each class elects 15 general members, who in turn elect the Secretary General for the faculty. Secretary General during the school year 1950-51 was Dragostin Deprato, a native of Marzana, Pulj.
29. The general members mentioned above are divided into "actifs" (groups) each consisting of a secretary and five members. Members of actifs are assigned to organizational work on one or more of the following activities:
- a. Sporting, which includes soccer, tennis, motorcycleing, light athletics and chess;
 - b. Cultural, which includes reading circles or clubs, political meetings, and the "open meetings" at which students may ask questions touching on ideology and conduct. Questions are written and put in a box from which they are drawn and passed to "cultural referents" for answers;
 - c. Statistical, which consists of keeping attendance records for all meetings and taking note of the activities of students.

Student Newspaper

30. Studentski List is published twice a month. It is managed by the cultural referents of the actifs, and students participate in the writing. In addition to school and political information, the paper criticizes students who are too "soft" and professors who are not excessively attached to the regime.

Faculty Organization

31. An organization called the Affiliated Syndicate of the Faculty has the duty of protecting the economic rights and working conditions of the professors, staff, custodians and laborers connected with the university.

Students' City

32. A Student's City is being constructed northwest of Dubrava, and will extend from Maksimir zoological garden to the locality Dubrava. Plans call for accomodation for 18,000 persons, to be completed in 20 years. By March 1951 ten buildings had been erected but not completed, all in the vicinity of Dubrava. All students of the University of Zagreb are required to work one month of every year on their city as common laborers.

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3. Washington [] Reported [] as Vlado Perovic.

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5. Washington [] Probably the Dr. Richard Hauptfeld []

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